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RESPONSE

The Applicant thanks the Office for the consideration given the present application in the Detailed Action mailed 02/03/2006. With the present response, the Applicant has endeavored to respond most completely to the issues raised by the Office to ensure that the application is in condition for consideration on its merits.

Election / Restriction

In the Detailed Action, the Office found that the application contains claims directed to distinct species of the invention, namely Species I, Species II, and Species III, each with multiple corresponding drawing figures. Accordingly, the Office required that the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted should no generic claim finally be held to be allowable. At least claims 1 and 29 were determined to be generic.

In reply, the Applicant elects Species I, which was indicated by the Office to correspond to FIGS. 1-7B and 10A-11C. The Applicant does so with the understanding

that, upon the allowance of a generic claim, the Applicant will be entitled to the consideration of claims to additional species written in dependent form or otherwise including all limitations of an allowed generic claim. The claims readable on the elected Species are as follows:

Species I: Claims 1-23, 29-31, 33, 34, 46-53, and 59-63.

The Applicant submits that the foregoing election of species and listing of claims meet the Office's requirement for election / restriction such that the application is in condition for consideration on the merits.

Conclusion

In closing, the Applicant notes that he believes that he has fully responded to all issues raised in the Detailed Action. If, after consideration of the present response, there remain any open issues in this application that possibly can be resolved by a telephone interview, then the Applicant's undersigned attorney most respectfully requests that he be called to discuss and attempt to resolve those issues.

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